GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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THEFT OF BLANK PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of theft of blank passports from the regional passport offices have been brought to the notice of the government during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry into it;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) the action taken against those found guilty in this regard;and

(f) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No Sir.

(b) - (e) Does not arise.

(f) The Govt. is vigilant to ensure the safe and secure custody of blank passport booklets. Strong rooms have been provided in all the passport offices. The stock of blank booklets is regularly checked and kept under the charge of a responsible officer.